(c) year-wise details are furnished below:

(Million Tonnes)

Company	Year	Rail		Road	
		Weighed	Unweighed	Weighed	Unweighed
SECL	1999-00	32.51	1.28	4.83	-
	2000-01	35.23	0.34	6.69	-
	2001-02	36.68	0.07	8.73	-
MCL	1999-00	25.87	1.34	2.73	-
	2000-01	31.44	1.05	3.17	-
	2001-02	33.06	1.05	3.18	-

(d) It has been reported by CIL that as per records available with them there is no such case during the last three years in SECL as well as MCL.

Report of the Committee constituted for enhancing the royalty on coal

†2100. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the action taken as per the report submitted by the Committee constituted for enhancing the rate of royalty on coal; and

(b) the progress made thereon so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) The recommendations made by the Committee constituted for enhancing the rate of royalty on different grades of coal has been considered and accepted by the Government. The revised rates of royalty have since been notified by the Government on 16.8.2002.

Request for change of coal linkage from A.P.

2101. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether any request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received in the Ministry for change of coal linkage of Rayalseema Thermal Power Project Stage-II from Mahanadi Coal Fields to Singarauli Collieries;

(b) if so. when such request was received in the Ministry; and

(c) the steps taken on the request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. A request from Energy Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh for change of source of long term coal linkage of 2.08 mt granted by Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term) for Rayalseema Thermal Power Plant (RTPP) Stage-II from Mahanadi Coalfields Limited (MCL) to Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) had been received in the Department of Coal in August, 2002. The matter has been examined in consultation with MCL and SCCL. Their views will be put up to Standing Linkage Committee (Long Term) in its next meeting for a decision in the matter.

Commercial exploitation of coal ash

2102. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that after gradation of coal from mines a large quality of waste coal ash is dumped in the ground as useless;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to use this coal ash for commercial exploitation by selling to brick klin industry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Gradation of coal is done on annual basis for ROM/STEAM/SLACK/Processed ROM sizes by coal companies after approval of Coal Controller for the production to be made from working/workable seams of mines. Coal produced and so graded are supplied to different consumers. Coal value realised is based on analysed grade of supplies to core sector consumers through sampling/analysis. No coal from production is, therefore, considered as waste coal ash for dumping in the ground as useless. Even in case of non-core sector without sampling facility there is nothing like waste coal ash.